# Truck Regulations Advisory Committee (TRAC) Minutes September 1, 2009

#### **Member Attendees**

Last	First	Company
Colbourn	Jack	Bay Area Air Quality Management
Cowan	Scott	TEC of California (Oakland)
Friedman	Randal	United States Navy
Hawkins	Doug	Ramos Oil Company, Inc.
Hogo	Henry	South Coast Air Quality Management District
Isom	Roger	California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association
Kubsh	Jack	Manufacturers of Emission Controls Association (MECA)
Lawson	Dave	Crop Production Services
Leff	Michael	Valley Power Systems
Lindsey	Ken	Commercial Power Sweep, Inc.
Lujan	Steven	Cascade Sierra Solutions
Maggiora	Michael	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc.
Miller	Dan	SMART Refrigerated Transport
Moir, Jr.	James	Mid-Pacific Industries, Inc.
Noland	Kristi	J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.
O'Neill	John	Ace Hardware
Pfeifer	Nick	Granite Construction, Inc.
Phipps	Bob	Bettendorf Trucking
Plowman	Betty	California Dump Truck Owner Association
Rhoads	Stephen	School Bus Transportation Coalition
Riddington	Chris	Classic Charter, Inc.
Schrap	Matthew	California Trucking Association
Smith	Andrew	ATDynamics, Inc
Souza	Dan	Mountain Valley Express
Thomas	James	Nabors Well Services Co.
Torres	Chris	F & L Farms Trucking, Inc.
Tunnell	Mike	American Trucking Association
Viklund	Kevin	Volvo Trucks (North America)
Vivar	Jocelyn	East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

# Overview:

The purpose of TRAC is assist staff with implementation of the Truck and Bus regulation and the Heavy-Duty Diesel Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction regulation. The goals of TRAC are to help ARB staff fine tune outreach, training, and implementation materials and help make staff more aware of the needs of affected stakeholders. This first meeting was to get acquainted and discuss the structure, goals, and expectations of TRAC. All TRAC members are on at least one subcommittee. The subcommittee issues brought back to the group by the Chair or Co-Chair are as follows:

### Reporting Subcommittee

The Reporting Subcommittee meeting began with a discussion of the existing off-road Diesel Off-Road On-line Reporting System (DOORS). The staff showed how the existing off-road vehicle regulation reporting system works, what features it had, and how a fleet can submit information confidentially. Also, demonstrated were the various ways to input information. DOORS will be modified for reporting fleet information for the Truck and Bus and the Greenhouse Gas regulations.

Members requested that the reporting items and types be organized by the different needs of different fleet owners. For example, small fleets would need straight forward hardy copy forms and data entry screen, where large fleets would need a robust data upload and validation process. To meet this goal, separate working groups may be set up the specific needs of specific interest groups (small fleet, large fleet, etc.)

Staff will prepare draft uploading fleet data spreadsheet with detailed fields by the end of the month for comment by the subcommittee. Staff would like to meet within the next few weeks to get comments. Future subcommittee meetings will be organized to focus on topics of interest to different groups to improve the use of everyone's time. The next subcommittee meeting is planned for September 24 or October 1.

Jeff Wilson is the ARB's Co-chair and Kerry Stoffer was selected as the Reporting Subcommittee Co-Chair.

# Agriculture Subcommittee

The Agriculture Subcommittee's first meeting focused on outreach. Suggestions made on how to reach out to stakeholders through fuel operators. Additional suggestions were made to target the agriculture community by notifying stakeholders through the pesticide license or permit process. Committee members also stated that could provide contact information for an agriculture coalition formed with 61 members that can be also used as an avenue for outreach.

Members expressed concern with notifying the agriculture community of the first reporting deadline of March 31, 2010. Members also discussed that it was important to work with the Reporting Subcommittee if there is any preliminary reporting capabilities before that deadline.

Members are interested in reviewing any documents that deal with agriculture. They will have communications among subcommittee members by conference calls or email.

Ron Nunes is the ARB's Co-Chair and Richard McVeigh was selected as the Agricultural Subcommittee Co-Chair.

#### **GHG Subcommittee**

The subcommittee discussed the ability to provide feedback on various elements of the regulation and felt they needed to learn more in-depth training on the Heavy-Duty Diesel Greenhouse Gas regulation. ARB staff will set up training for members.

Members discussed providing feedback on the GHG website and using a share website to be able to upload documents that only subcommittee members can access for review and comment. Kristi Noland volunteered to take the lead on this effort.

Members decided to meet in person at their next meeting.

Members expressed concern that there is an overlap with efforts from the Outreach Subcommittee. They suggested that they be continually updated with decisions and efforts from the Outreach Subcommittee. Outreach efforts to those having to comply in Canada may not work (toll free number).

Members also discussed issues with availability of new technologies.

Dassi Pintar is ARB's Co-Chair and Dave Berry of Swift was selected as the industry Greenhouse Gas Subcommittee Co-Chair.

# **Outreach Subcommittee**

ARB staff reviewed current outreach efforts and the members discussed and commented.

ARB staff requested members to view the online system training that ARB is providing on Thursday, September 3 and comment on both the website and chat capabilities. The Survey level course will cover 6 topics ranging from what one needs to know on diesel exhaust retrofit devices to review of current on road inuse mobile regulations.

The members brainstormed on a number of concepts on how to best outreach to fleet owners. These included posters, one page flyer, and working with associations such as California Trucking Association, the Owner Operators Independent Drivers Association and other state and Canadian trucking associations, notifications in pesticide permitting applications and DMV licensing and registration. The one pager could be used by fuel suppliers, industry associations, dealers, installers of engines and retrofits to advertise their

business and get fleet owners and driver's attention of the importance of compliance such as a statement that they could face large fines if they don't comply. Other concepts discussed included working with other organizations such as CHP and Caltrans to get message to fleets that they deal with on a regular basis.

Members requested TRAC provide input on messages or advisories for targeted groups.

Members suggested ARB staff prioritize the development a one-pager.

Members also discussed a poster identifying requirements with "you will face fines" at least twice as big as the off-road regulation poster. The poster could be posted in weigh stations, truck stops, CHP stations, letting people know there will be requirements that they will be subject to.

Kathleen Mead is ARB's Co-Chair and Matt Schrap, CTA, was approved as Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair.

#### **TRAC Member Discussion**

ARB staff opened a discussion on the value of having a small business subcommittee and how it organized. TRAC members expressed concern on how to define a small business. Defining a small business by fleet size may not be appropriate nor using the definition used by the Small Business Administration on revenues generated per year. TRAC members suggested that additional or different resources are needed for small businesses. Small businesses may not have the resources or tools available, such as computers needed for on-line reporting. ARB staff will draft a proposal for a small business subcommittee for TRAC members for discussion and comment.

TRAC members requested that subsequent TRAC and subcommittee meetings be longer than one hour. They stated that one hour is not enough time to have a productive discussion on issues within each subcommittee or worth members' travel time and expenses

#### **Open Discussion**

The process for commenting on the 15-Day Notice of Public Availability of Modified Text was discussed. The comments are due by September 3.